(b) if so, whether any opportunity exists in these institutes for carrying on research in Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medicines, respectively;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is proposed to open research avenues in these institutes and create infrastructures for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) These institutes are autonomous organizations under the Department of ISM&H.

(b) to (d) National Institute of Ayurveda in Jaipur and National Institute of Homoeopathy in Kolkata are engaged in Under Graduate and Post Graduate teaching and research.

Facilities at Safdarjung and RML Hospitals

2307. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, a large number of the surgical patients are urological patients;

(b) if so, the number of indoor/outdoor patients registered in these two hospitals during the last two years, month-wise and hospital-wise;

(c) the details of the facilities available, i.e. the number of surgeons, other facilities in each hospital; and

(d) the ratio of percentage of the facility per patient in each hospital and the steps proposed for bringing it at par in both the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Population Stabilisation Fund

2308. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of the National Population Stabilisation Fund;

(b) whether Government have provided funds to the State Governments for implementation of the National Family Welfare Programme from this Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that despite providing funds State Governments failed to implement the Programme;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed for effective implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The National Population Stabilisation Fund has taken concrete shape as the Janasankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) and has been registered as an autonomous Society on 12th June 2003 under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860). It is yet to begin its activities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

Denial of treatment to HIV patients

2309. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HIV patients are being turned away by many hospitals across the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are reports of HIV patient being turned away by some hospitals.

The Medical Council of India (Progessional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, clearly states that no physician shall arbitrary refuse treatment to a patients. These regulations also provide for punishment of those medical professionals who violate these regulations.